

We all believe in competition, but I am very much hoping that the FCC doesn't leave independent DSL providers in the lurch on this. If the rate the phone company, such as SBC, charges independent servicers is not regulated, there is no way that they will not take advantage of that by underpricing their own service, or overcharging the "independent" services. Please please please do not reduce the consumer to having no REAL choice except between phone companies. Right now, rates are competitive, and service is excellent. If you reduce us, de facto, to having no choice but the phone companies service (or pay higher rates), we will all be stuck with their cost-cutting stream-lining down-sizing customer service, etc. If people want to use the phone company, power to them. But give them a choice. If the phone companies are good and as disinterested as they are pretending to you that they are, they should have no problem with competition. Instead, they are asking you to help them obliterate the competition. This is not the job of the FCC! Thank you for your consideration of my comments.